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SUBJECT: TANZANIAN REQUEST TO EVACUATE ITS CITIZENS FROM

RWANDA AND BURUNDI

REF: A) DAR ES SALAAM 2147, B) DAR ES SALAAM 2166

1. POST IS CORRECT IN TELLING GOT OFFICIALS THAT THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE UN AND BELGIAN AUTHORITIES (REF B) TO REQUEST EVACUATION OF TANZANIAN CITIZENS IN RWANDA AND BURUNDI. POST IS ALSO CORRECT IN POINTING OUT THE LOGISTICAL LIMITATIONS OF OUR EMBASSY IN KIGALI (REF A, PARA 4).

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- 2. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO THE GOT THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE USG WILL BE TAKING THE LEAD IN ANY FOSSIBLE EVACUATION OF NON-U.S. CITIZENS. FURTHERMORE. THE EMBASSY IN KIGALI WILL PROBABLY NOT BE IN A POSITION TO ASSIST FOREIGN NATIONALS, SINCE IT WILL ONLY HAVE ENOUGH ROOM IN ITS VEHICLES FOR US CITIZENS.
- 3. FOR YOUR INFORMATION--WHEN AND IF THE U.S. CAN PROVIDE EVACUATION ASSISTANCE TO NATIONALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES A

"TRIAGE" PROCESS IS USED. AFTER ALL AMERICANS ARE EVACUATED, OTHERS MAY BE EVACUATED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER (IF THERE IS ROOM ON THE PLANES OR VEHICLES): CANADIANS, CONFIDENTIAL

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OTHER CITIZENS OF NATO COUNTRIES, CITIZENS OF NON-NATO
COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES, ALL OTHERS. TANZANIA WOULD
QUALIFY AS A COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY.

4. KIGALI, BUJUMBURA - MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. CHRISTOPHER

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